

### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

# Region III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Patrick Claycomb Fin, Fur and Feathers 17770 North Route 44 Highway Lockhaven, PA 17745

RE:

Notice of Violation and Request for Information, Docket No. 03-2015-011-VS Fin, Fur and Feathers, Clinton County, Pennsylvania 17745

PWS ID No. PA4410933

Dear Mr. Claycomb:

The following Notice of Violation and Request for Information is issued pursuant to Sections 1414(a) and 1445 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 300g-3(a) and 300j-4(a), and is a coordinated effort with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). According to our records and information received from PADEP, your public water system has violated certain provisions of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f-300j-26, the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 141.

## **NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

#### **FINDINGS**

#### Based on information we possess:

- 1. Patrick Claycomb (Respondent) is the owner of the Fin, Fur and Feathers public water system (PWS), PWS Identification Number PA4410933 (System). Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section 1401 (12) of the SDWA and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
- 2. The System serves a population of twenty five (25) persons daily with piped water for human consumption for a minimum of sixty (60) days per year, and/or has at least fifteen (15) service connections.

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- 3. Respondent failed to monitor for total coliform bacteria, as required by 40 CFR § 141.21(a), for the quarterly compliance monitoring periods beginning October 2011, January 2012, April 2012, July 2012, October 2012, October 2013, January 2014.
- 4. Respondent failed to monitor for nitrate, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.23, during the one year compliance monitoring periods beginning January 2011 and January 2012.
- 5. Respondent failed to monitor for nitrite, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.23, during the one year compliance monitoring periods beginning January 2011 and January 2012.

Respondent is required to correct each of the above violations. The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is available to provide advice and technical assistance to help address the above FINDINGS. Please contact Mr. Brian A. Poe at 215-814-5471, if you want to request such advice or assistance.

This Notice of Violation is issued pursuant to Section 1414(a) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300g -3(a). After thirty (30) days from the date of this notice, EPA is authorized either to issue an Administrative Order under Section 1414(g) requiring the public water system to comply, or to commence a civil action under Section 1414(b). Violations of the SDWA and the regulations are subject to penalties of up to \$32,500 per day of violation.

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Section 1445(a) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-4(a), authorizes EPA to require owners and operators of public water systems to provide information as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the SDWA.

Pursuant to Section 1445(a) of the SDWA, Respondent is required to provide EPA with the following information. This requirement to submit information is mandatory. Compliance with this requirement does not relieve Respondent of any liability for violations of the SDWA. Respondent may be subject to civil and criminal sanctions if it provides misleading or false information or fails to provide the requested information. Information which Respondent provides may be used by EPA in administrative, civil or criminal proceedings.

You may, if desired, assert a business confidentiality claim covering all or part of the information requested herein in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. Part 2. If no claim of confidentiality accompanies the information requested herein, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to you. This inquiry is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 (See 5 C.F.R. § 1320.3(c)).

The instructions for responding to the inquiries are as follows:

a. A separate narrative response must be made for each question set forth below, and for any subpart of each question.

b. Label each response with the corresponding number of the question and any subpart to which it responds.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 1445(a) of the SDWA, Respondent is directed to provide EPA the following information.

- 1. Name and street address of the owner or owners of the System. If this is a corporation, provide the names, titles, and addresses of officers. Do not provide a post office box.
- Name and street address of the operator or operators of the System, and state certification number, if applicable. Do not provide a post office box. If this is a corporation, provide the names, titles, and addresses of officers.
- 3. The street address of the System, or, if no street address is possible, the physical location
- 4. Number of persons served drinking water by the System per day on average.
- 5. Number of service connections to the System.
- 6. A copy of the most recently performed sanitary survey for the System.
- 7. Copies of all total coliform bacteria analysis since October 2011.
- 8. Copies of all nitrate analysis since January 2011.
- 9. Copies of all nitrite analysis since January 2011.
- 10. All existing plans and schedules for monitoring, reporting and public notification.

Your response to this Notice of Violation and Request for Information shall be in writing. Your response is due within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation and Request for Information. You should submit your response to:

Brian A. Poe
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Ground Water and Enforcement Branch (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

and

Sondra Hollister, Sanitarian DEP – Williamsport Office 208 West Third Street, Suite 101 Williamsport, PA 17701

#### and

Derik Dressler, Supervisor DEP - Sunbury District Office 309 N. 5th Street, Suite D Sunbury, PA 17801-2003 Phone: 570-988-5500

If you have any questions, please call Brian A. Poe at 215-814-5471.

EPA has determined that your System may be a "small business" under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA). The enclosed document entitled "Information for Small Businesses" provides information on contacting the SBREFA Ombudsman to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities and also provides information on compliance assistance. As noted in the enclosure, any decision to participate in such program or to seek compliance assistance does not relieve you of your obligation to respond in a timely manner to an EPA request or other enforcement action, does not create any new rights or defenses under law, and will not affect EPA's decision to pursue this enforcement action. To preserve your legal rights, you must comply with all rules governing the administrative enforcement process. The Ombudsman and fairness boards do not participate in the resolution of EPA's enforcement action.

Sincerely,

Karen D. Johnson, Chief

Ground Water and Enforcement Branch

#### Enclosure

cc: Dawn Hissner, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Headquarters Derik Dressler, Sunbury District Office of PADEP Sondra Hollister, Williamsport Office of PADEP